--- "Series of 1880-81" - 1/5th Pound - CUSTOMS - the John McKay Report ---

--- 1/5th pound - lithographed in blue ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

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John McKay records that 256,650 *lithographed* copies of "1/5 Blue (old) Tobacco" and 10,000 *lithographed* copies of "Not more than 1-5th Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

He seems to have been opposing the two varieties - the "old" strip (inscribed "LICENSE") - to the later "Not more than 1-5th Blue Tobacco" strip (inscribed "ENTRY"). The imprint-free strip **RP-344an** has "LICENSE" in the value panel, and is hand stamped NOT MORE THAN in 2 mm. red Roman letters on the left side. The collection *does not* contain a control numbered copy of this item, and no copy in the collection is actually inscribed "NOT MORE THAN". The example of **RP-344** (which is inscribed "LICENSE") is not so hand stamped.

Finally John McKay in the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) records the 'Delivery' of 9,008 *lithographed* copies of 1/5 lb. "Blue Ribbon Tobacco". This second "TOBACCO" section of the **4th BABN Contract** has been reserved to record the *obsolete* stock returned by BABN to the Department in February / March 1888 for disposal.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	256,650
	10,000
4th BABN Contract - 2nd section -	9,008
	275,658

The final 'upper-limit' control numbering on the 1/5th pound blue "Canada Customs" strips – as collected to date

1/5th pound, Division Open - A 65	**117300**
1/5th pound, Montreal Division - M 65	none
1/5th pound, Toronto Division - C 65	**046658**
	163,958

The catalogue lists the 1/5th pound, blue, Division Open - A 65 [ENTRY] strip as follows:

RP-342 - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Division Open - A 65, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls
RP-343 - 1/5th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 65, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls

The catalogue lists the 1/5th pound, blue, Division Open - A 65 [LICENSE] strip as follows:

RP-344 - 1/5th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 65, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls
RP-344an - 1/5th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 65, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - without controls
Stamped **NOT MORE THAN** in 2 mm. red Roman letters

The catalogue ***does not list*** and the collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of **RP-344an** - overprinted **NOT MORE THAN** in 2 mm. red Roman letters.

RP-344an - 1/5th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 65"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - with LICENSE in the value panel
NOT MORE THAN overprint in 2 mm. serifed Gothic letters

--- RP-344 - 1/5th pound - *coarse roulette* - with 4 mm. blue controls – with [LICENSE] in the value panel ---

--- *Without* the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **---**

RP-344 - 1/5th pound, blue, coarse roulette, Division Open **"A 65"**, control number **014542**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - with LICENSE in the value panel
Manuscript *Toronto* in black ink, with an unreadable date, stamped *W.C. Stratton*

014542★	RP-344	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, on block watermarked vertical mesh wove

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The below illustrated **RP-344n** is not simply an *offset* printing (the alignment is too perfect) - the printing ink has bled through the paper.

RP-344n - 1/5th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 65"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - with LICENSE in the value panel - printed through the paper

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--- RP-342 - 1/5th pound - perforated 12 - with 4 mm. blue controls – with [ENTRY] in the value panel ---

--- With the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **---**

RP-342 - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Division Open **"A 65"**, control number **103925**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

Scanned at 300% scale

103821	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103823	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103825	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103834	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103867	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103868	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103877	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103891	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103908	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103925★	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103945	RP-342	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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--- RP-343 - 1/5th pound - *coarse roulette* - with 4 mm. blue controls – with [ENTRY] in the value panel ---

--- With the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **---**

RP-343 - 1/5th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 65"**, control number **115021**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

115020	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115021★	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115123	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115124	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115137-39	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115154	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115185	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115187-88	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115194	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
115202-03	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
116130	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
116901	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
116903	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh

The next listed *imperforate* copy has full margins. The control number continues the control sequence on the preceding *coarse roulette* copies - the sheet may have simply missed the rouletting process, or has been trimmed to imperforate from a wide-margin *coarse roulette* top or bottom copy.

RP-343 - 1/5th pound, blue, *imperforate*, Division Open **"A 65"**, control number **116904**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

116904★	RP-343	1/5th pound, *imperforate,* block watermarked vertical mesh - clipped?
116909	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
116911	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
116915	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
116917★	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117064	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117070	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117096	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117101	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117102-05	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh,
117117	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117129★	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117141	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117169	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117173	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117179★	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117191	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117199	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117201-04★	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh,
117241-44	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117293	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
117300	RP-343	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh

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